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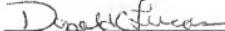
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In re Application of :
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(37 CFR 1.121)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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This is in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment dated December 10, 2007 (Notice)

The Notice stated that the amendments to the claims
were non-compliant because Claim 1 at line 30 contained a
typographical error. Inorganic had been incorrectly

inserted for hydrophobic silica. The typographical error has been corrected herein in the attached corrected section, entitled "Claim Amendments".

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl: Claim Amendment